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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Applicant's arguments and amendments filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on 03 May 2010 have been fully considered and are persuasive.
2. As the applicant has noted, the FBG strain sensing element by Kenny and Johnson cannot perform the passive reference measurement to compensate for temperature change of strain measurement as amended claims require. All pending claims are therefore allowed for the same reason.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLIE PENG whose telephone number is (571)272-2177. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am - 6 pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Robinson can be reached on (571) 272-2319. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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